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Communities represented by the NWTMN • Fort Smith

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The Northwest Territory Métis Nation (NWTMN) negotiations are for Métis people indigenous to the South Slave region of the NWT. These negotiations are between the Northwest Territory Métis Nation (formerly the South Slave Métis Tribal Council), the Government of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories.

The Region and the People

The NWTMN negotiations involve the indigenous Métis people from three communities in the South Slave region of the Northwest Territories: Fort Smith, Fort Resolution and Hay River. Specifically, the NWTMN is negotiating on behalf of the Fort Resolution Métis Council, the Hay River Métis Government Council and the Fort Smith Métis Council. Indigenous Métis refers to those Métis who can trace their ancestry in the Northwest Territories back to 1921.

A Short History of Métis Negotiations in the NWT

The Métis of the Northwest Territories have been involved in negotiations since 1981 when they participated in the joint Dene and Métis land claim. These negotiations resulted in a Dene/Métis agreement that was never ratified. Canada then agreed to negotiate regional claims in the NWT. In 1996, the South Slave Métis Tribal Council (now the NWTMN), Canada and the GNWT signed a Framework Agreement to begin this negotiation process. In 2002, the parties signed an Interim Measures Agreement that sets out a process for the pre-screening of resource applications in the South Slave region.

Focus of Negotiations

The parties are currently negotiating a land and resources agreement-in-principle (AIP). Once this AIP is completed, the parties will begin negotiating a final agreement on land and resources and a self-government agreement.

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